

Amendments in the specification

Please insert the following paragraph immediately before line 12 of page 1:

GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP

This invention was made with Government support under contract N00014-91-J-1050 awarded by the Department of the Navy ONR. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

DETAILED ACTION: claim rejections under 35 USC 102

Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Chou et al., IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, June 1999, pp 653-655, hereinafter Chou.

Claim 32 is currently amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 33. Therefore, this amendment is believed to place claim 32 in condition for allowance.

DETAILED ACTION: allowable subject matter

Claims 33-35 stand as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 33 is canceled, since its limitations have been added to claim 32. Claims 34 and 35 are currently amended to depend from claim 32. These amendments are believed to place claims 34 and 35 in condition for allowance.

DETAILED ACTION: allowed claims

Claims 1-31 and 36-53 stand allowed.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-31 and 36-53.